

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, February 15, 2006, 11:00 a.m., Rm. 113, First Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gene Carroll, Dick Esseks, Lynn Sunderman and Tommy Taylor; Jon Carlson, Gerry Krieser, Roger Larson, Melinda Pearson and Mary Strand absent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kent Morgan, Steve Henrichsen and Michele Abendroth of the Planning Department; Mike Brienzo and Randy Hoskins of Engineering Services; Steve Masters of Public Works & Utilities; Brian Kramer and Gary Brandt of Wastewater; Jon Camp, City Council Member; Matt Schultz of Black and Veatch; other interested parties.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: **Southwest Wastewater Facility**

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 a.m.

Brian Kramer of Wastewater introduced himself and Matt Schultz of Black & Veatch. Kramer stated that the focus of today's presentation is to update the Commission on the Southwest Wastewater Facility Siting Study. They will discuss the siting criteria which is the basis of how a final site is selected for a future wastewater facility. February 16 is the first public meeting at which they will present introductory information. The second public meeting is mid-March. During this meeting they will present 4-5 finalist sites which have met the criteria. The last meeting is in June at which they will present the final site. Kramer distributed a copy of the presentation which will be presented at the first public meeting.

Carroll asked if there has been any input from the neighborhoods at this point. Kramer stated that he expects a lot of input will be generated at the February meeting.

Carroll asked about the size of the site. Kramer stated that the facility could sit on 20 acres, but they are looking for a larger site of 100 acres or more. Schultz added that there are several siting criteria, one of which is the optimal number of acres. The goal is to have the site large enough to house a holding facility and a treatment facility. Optimizing the collection facility is a major goal. Sunderman asked if we will ultimately need a treatment facility in this area. Schultz stated that it would depend on the growth in this area, but we need to plan for a treatment facility. Brandt noted that the Teresa Street plant is situated on approximately 55 acres.

Masters stated that we have adequate capacity to serve all of Tier 1 in the Salt Valley Trunk. As we grow into Tier 2, we will need either additional sewer capacity or a treatment plant so that we will not need to further collect wastewater in the trunk line. So the question becomes how to grow past Tier 1. Kramer added that most of the ideal sites are located inside the Tier 1 growth area.

Carroll asked if an environmental impact study will be done on the final site selection. Kramer stated that they will identify any environmental concerns before a final site is selected. He added that new technology is being developed all the time, so the water that is being put back in the streams should be cleaner and more environmentally friendly. Carroll asked if controls are in place for odor. Schultz stated that odor controls are in place for the holding basins as well as the treatment plants.

Esseks asked how many years are left before we reach capacity. Kramer stated that it is dependent on growth as it actually occurs. Esseks then asked if there is an infiltration problem. Brandt stated that they have sized the facilities and future expansion based on the evaluation of historical rain patterns. He added that there is flexibility for expansion at the current plants.

Kramer pointed out the list of criteria for site selection and asked the Commission members for feedback on the criteria.

Carroll asked if the 4-5 finalists will be ranked at the March 15th meeting. Kramer stated that they will discuss how they arrived at the finalists based on the criteria. They will also identify the good and bad characteristics of each finalist.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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